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The Paralympic Games 残疾人奥运会

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

While many of the world's most famous athletes are **gearing up** for the Beijing Olympics in August, there are other athletes training every bit as hard for a second Olympic games in September.

The 14th Paralympic Games will see **disabled athletes** from around the world compete in 20 events ranging from **wheelchair fencing** to **powerlifting**.

The Paralympic movement began at a British hospital in the **aftermath** of the Second World War, when sport was introduced as a **therapeutic treatment** for returning **servicemen** with **spinal injuries**.

The first games took place in 1948 in London with two British teams competing in an **archery** competition. By 1960 the games had grown to include international athletes and were held in the same city as the Olympic Games.

It is unclear where the name Paralympics came from but it was probably first **coined** as a **pun** or '**portmanteau**' word combining the words **paraplegic** and Olympic. These days, however, the term 'para' is seen to signify a **parallel** competition that sits side by side with the main Olympic Games.

As well as athletes who have suffered spinal injuries, the modern Paralympics invites competitors with **visual impairment**, athletes with **cerebral palsy**, and **amputees** to participate in the games.

Although most of the Paralympic sports are also included in the Olympic Games, there are some sports that are unique to the Paralympics.

Boccia is a game similar to **bowls** in which the competitor attempts to throw a number of leather balls as closely as possible to a target ball; the wheelchair dance event sees athletes perform **dance routines** with each other or with **able-bodied** partners.

So if you are a sports fan, remember that when the Olympic Games have finished, the Paralympics are just about to begin.

Glossary 词汇表

gearing up 做好准备	disabled athletes 残疾运动员
wheelchair fencing 轮椅击剑	powerlifting 力量举重
aftermath 后果	therapeutic treatment 治疗处理
servicemen 军人	spinal injuries 脊髓损伤
archery 射箭	coined 被发明
pun 妙语双关	portmanteau 合成词
paraplegic 半身麻痹的	parallel 平行的，同时进行的
visual impairment 视觉缺陷	cerebral palsy 大脑性麻痹症
amputees 截肢患者	bowls 滚球运动
dance routines 舞蹈动作	able-bodied 体格健全的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. The 2008 Paralympics will take place shortly before the Beijing Olympics.
True / False
2. In one Paralympics event the athletes fight with swords. **True / False**
3. The 1948 games involved a competition with bows and arrows.
True / False
4. Paralympic events are exactly the same as Olympic events. **True / False**
5. Some Paralympic events can include non-disabled competitors.
True / False

2. Sport Vocabulary

Match the sport to the equipment used when playing it.

请把运动项目和相关的运动器材连接在一起。

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|------------|------------------|
| 1. fencing | a. tatami |
| 2. boccia | b. bow and arrow |
| 3. judo | c. sword |
| 4. archery | d. leather balls |

Now complete these sentences using either the name of the sport or the equipment used when playing it.

填空 - 用以上的运动项目或者是相关的运动器材来完成以下的句子。

1. _____ is played in the Paralympics not the Olympics and is similar to the French game of *boules*.
2. Don't worry if your opponent throws you. The _____ will prevent you from being too badly hurt.
3. There are three types of _____ in the modern sport, and nobody is actually killed during the fight.
4. Hundreds of years ago people practised _____ for war and hunting animals.

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. Paralympics are 20 wheelchair in the fencing There including events

_____.

2. of origins war The veterans lie with spinal in therapy the games for injuries.

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3. began words The name as a on Paralympics play.

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4. competition disabilities is The to athletes who variety of have open a.

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5. Paralympics are some are There that to events unique the.

_____.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the Paralympic Games in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与残疾奥运会有关的英语单词来。

共有**10**个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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l	e	n	b	j	y	s	e	m	i	n	l
c	a	c	v	e	r	j	d	r	n	m	e
h	e	e	y	r	v	s	f	h	j	o	g
a	a	t	h	l	e	t	e	v	u	e	i
i	v	f	e	n	c	i	n	g	r	e	c
r	k	u	a	e	v	b	r	n	y	t	r
q	d	i	s	a	b	l	e	d	a	v	e

disabled wheelchair injury athlete amputee dance compete archery fencing paraplegic

Answers 答案

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- There are 20 events in the Paralympics including wheelchair fencing.
- The origins of the games lie in therapy for war veterans with spinal injuries.
- The name Paralympics began as a play on words.
- The competition is open to athletes who have a variety of disabilities.
- There are some events that are unique to the Paralympics.

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- d
- a
- b

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- Boccia** is played in the Paralympics not the Olympics and is similar to the French game of *boules*.
- Don't worry if your opponent throws you down. The **tatami** will prevent you from being too badly hurt.
- There are three types of **sword** in the modern sport, and nobody is actually killed during the fight.
- Hundreds of years ago people practised **archery** for war and hunting animals.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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